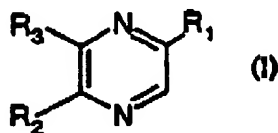


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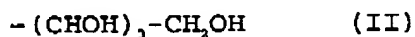
ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to compounds of formula (I)



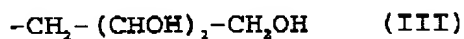
in which

$R_1$  is any of the stereoisomeric forms of the chain

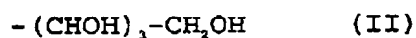


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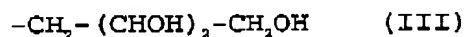
either (A)  $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom and  $R_3$  is any of the stereoisomeric forms of the chain



or (B)  $R_2$  is any of the stereoisomeric forms of the chains



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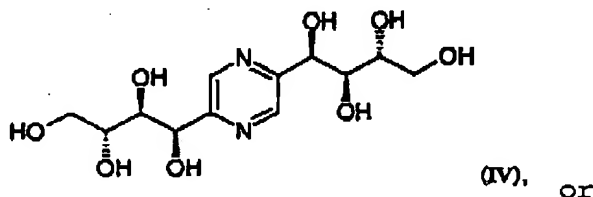


and  $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom,

or their salts with an inorganic or organic acid, in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle,

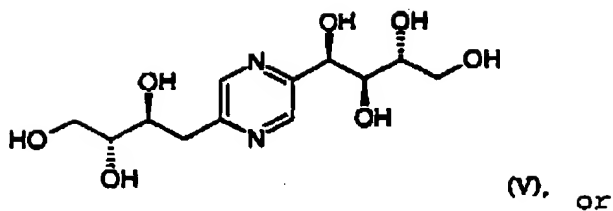
provided, however, that said compound is not

- fructosazine of formula

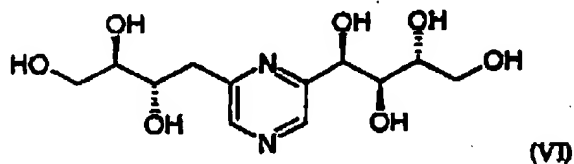


- deoxyfructosazine of formula

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a compound of formula



and to methods of making such compounds, as well as to a method for the treatment or prevention of diabetes or complications of diabetes, this method comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of formula (I).